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Session 2 Debrief and Review of Draft PC Report			
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Note taker	Andrew Ciesli	Andrew Cieslinski	
Attendees		Tim Cortez, George Culpepper, Brittani Trujillo, Jennifer Martinez, Kelly Wilson, Suzanne Brennan	

## **Discussion of CO Planning Infrastructure Crosswalks**

- Kelly said that consumers are getting the employment opportunities but do not understand how it will impact their service delivery because there is little guidance or benefits counseling, so they end up passing on the opportunity.
  - This lack of benefits counseling is something that CO is aware of and Tim said that it was also brought up at the Olmstead summit.
  - Have Medicaid buy-in program that it may be possible under.
  - Nothing that says CO is actually looking into developing this.
- Tim asked about any stand-out states for participant driven process. Shirley said that there really hasn't been anything developed across the nation at the individual level; much more on a policy level or focused on employees.
  - This may have to do with the CMS recommendations, where the individual is charged with leading the very complex bureaucratic process.
- Tim said that CDASS used to allow a broad range of items to be purchased with any surplus of budget; this helped eliminate the disincentive to budget funds that currently exists today.
  - Suzanne Brennan was very supportive of the shared savings model.
- Most support plans are simple and only look at what services are provided; in more person-centered systems, ideally it would be what are the goals, what are the steps to achieve the goals, what services might be needed to achieve the action step, etc. Plan is the person's plan.
- Tim said that Julie Reiskin likes the idea of a pre-populated support plan because it can point to consumer direction, but pre-populating also takes away the person-centeredness because the services are being attached
- Tim requested providing more justification for the scoring in the scale.
- Suzanne Brennan was very supportive of the paper establishing moving parts, timelines, etc.

## **Tool Discussion**

- May look at what items can be pulled out of the SIS that do the LOC determination, and the rest may be used for the support planning process.
  - This will not work, as the SIS algorithm uses nearly all of the items in the tool.
- Tim suggested that the SIS tiers should be expanded so that there is not so much of a cliff between tiers.
- Look into who was in charge of the development of the SIS to see how it may be work with the new tool.